



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

September 2006

### **September 6-13, 2006: Coalition for Juvenile Justice and Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention**

ICJI Staff, SAG members, and Indiana Disproportionality Committee Members attended the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) and Regional training sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in New Orleans. Both conferences provided an opportunity for Indiana to showcase their efforts in promoting DMC awareness. Representatives provided fellow colleagues with information about Indiana's approach to addressing DMC and identifying other sources for funding.

From the conference Indiana has been requested to share how information and collaborations were gathered and established. This will be sent to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's list-serve so all members may view as needed. Also Indiana was recognized as one of a few states with a website dedicated to DMC.

### **September 20, 2006: Meeting with Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana**

At this meeting the Compliance Monitor for the State of Indiana who also partakes in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) stated that once sub-committees have been formed it would be essential that the DMC Coordinator partake on the subcommittee which addresses disproportionate minority confinement. Further information will be provided by the Compliance Monitor when things have been established in a more concrete manner. Until then the Juvenile Justice Specialist will be the communication source for the DMC Coordinator at the steering committees.

### **September 25, 2006: Disproportionality and Mental Health (Indiana State Bar Association and Indiana Minority Health Coalition)**

This meeting was to begin the next big collaboration push from the OJJDDP. From the Conference held in September 2006, it was noted that the focus for DMC would be with the Mental Health field. The Indiana State Bar Association has received a grant from ICJI to conduct mental health assessments in the juvenile justice system. With the collaboration of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to address various disparities within the mental health realm in the juvenile justice system, this puts Indiana ahead of most states. This meeting sparked dialogue which concluded in the creation of an advisory board. All persons present at this meeting were very excited about the collaboration and how each organization would be enhancing the other. It was a match brought together by ICJI that exhibits great promise.

### **September 26, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee, Marketing Committee**

Committee members began the meeting discussing the revised presentation layout. For community outreach purposes it is essential that content on each slide is plain, direct, informative and most importantly impact ful. Other areas discussed revolved around the need for Faith-Based entities to be present at the Large Committee Meetings and how the Committee can begin getting more involved legislatively.

### **September 27, 2006: State of Our Black Youth, SOBY– Wishard Hospital**

With the State Advisory Group Sponsorship for \$5,000 to Asante Children's Theatre it has been requested that all parties involved (ACT, ICJI, and Prevent Child Abuse Indiana) meet and provide other members on committee a synopsis of what direction the skit is intended. This is important so other members can begin to look into methods which correlate to the skits purpose area and focus. Methods of dissemination and costs all need to be further researched so all aspects of toolkit remain consistent in context.

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